

Yellowstone Basin Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda, December 13, 2013
MSU Billings, Downtown Campus, 3rd Avenue North and Broadway

Meeting Objectives

- 1) Share any media coverage and/or constituent comments since the November BAC meeting,
- 2) Introduce two new topics and begin discussion on recommendations on those two topics,
- 3) Revisit priorities from scoping effort, clarify those priorities, validate priorities,
- 4) Hold a preliminary discussion on potential decision criteria for later recommendations,
- 5) Agree to the process to develop recommendations in Phase 3 (starting in February.)

8:30 -8:50 AM – Welcome and Introductions - Chair and Staff

- Meeting Objectives and Agenda
- Publicity since November meeting
- BAC members share input from constituents

8:50 – 9:00 – Executive and Legislative Process for Recommendations (*Tim Davis, Water Resources Division Administrator, DNRC*)

- The path and schedule for moving BAC recommendations forward

9:00 – 9:30 - Ground and Surface Water Nexus, John LaFave, MT Bureau of Mines and Geology

9:30 – 10:10 - Facilitated BAC discussion-preliminary thoughts on recommendations

10:10 - 10:25 BREAK

10:25 - 11:20 - Instream Flow Programs

- Short primer on the economic value of water (*Tim Bryggman, DNRC*)
- Wyoming's experience with instream flow (*DNRC, Tom Annear, WYG&F*)

11:20 - 11:45 - Facilitated BAC discussion on instream flow-preliminary thoughts on recommendations

11:45 - 1:00 LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 – 1:30 - Public Comment Period

1:30 - 2:15 - BAC's Priority Issues - BAC and Staff

- BAC members discuss and clarify top issues from scoping, ensure common understanding
- Validate and/or adjust priority (this will be our roadmap for developing recommendations)

2:15 - 2:30 BREAK

2:45 - 3:30 – Decision Considerations – BAC and Staff

- List possible decision criteria for recommendations and discuss these (some examples; Should the BAC only make recommendations that apply to the whole basin? Should the BAC make recommendations that might require changes in statute? Should the BAC make recommendations that in their view may have little chance of implementation? etc.)

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3:30 - 4:15 – **Phase 3, developing recommendations** (Phase 3) – Staff

- Proposed process
- Discussion on BAC guidance (emphasis on reaching consensus)

4:15 - 4:30 - **Wrap-up** - BAC and Staff

- Evaluation of this meeting, agenda, facilities, etc.
- What will happen between this meeting and February?
- Preview next meeting

4:30 PM - **Adjourn**